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For: BLOOD BAG SYSTEM AND METHOD OF INACTIVATING PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISMS	) ) )

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: